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1. A MEMORANDUM OBTAINED FROM SWEDISH CUSTOMS OUTLINING CUSTOMS PROCEDURES IN SWEDEN WILL BE FORWARDED OCTOBER 7 BY UNCLASSIFIED AIR POUCH. FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF ANSWERS TO REFTEL BY PARAGRAPHS:

A) BY CUSTOMS LAW AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE SINCE JANUARY 1, 1974 THE CUSTODY OF IMPORTED GOODS PENDING CLEARANCE/ENTRY WAS TRANSFERRED FROM CUSTOMS TO CARRIERS AND TERMINAL OPERATORS. PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH "TRANSIT WAREHOUSES" IS OBTAINED FROM REGIONAL CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES. THE PREMISES MUST BE APPROVED BY CUSTOMS. INSPECTION OF MERCHANDISE IS MADE IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES ONLY, E.G., IF REQUIRED FOR DETERMINATION OF STATISTICAL NUMBER BY WHICH RATE OF DUTY IS ASSESSED. PROCEDURALLY THE IMPORTER OR BROKER SUBMITS FIRST A RATHER SIMPLE DOCUMENT TO CUSTOMS TO REMOVE THE MERCHANDISE FROM THE WAREHOUSE AND SUBSEQUENTLY A COMPLETE ENTRY PACKAGE/CUSTOMS DECLARATION IS SUBMITTED CONTAINING ALL PARTICULARS FOR ASSESSMENT OF DUTY AND APPLICABLE TAXES (INCLUDING AMOUNTS OF DUTY AND TAXES).

B) CONTROLS OVER IMPORTED GOODS EXERCISED BY CUSTOMS ARE PRACTICALLY EXCLUSIVELY DOCUMENTARY. CUSTOMS ARE BY LAW ENTITLED TO ACCESS TO IMPORTERS' RECORDS.

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C) IMPORTERS AND BROKERS IMPORTING GOODS ON REGULAR BASIS CAN APPLY FOR SPECIAL PERMISSION ALLOWING IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF GOODS. THESE SPECIAL PERMISSIONS ARE GRANTED BY BOARD OF CUSTOMS OR THE DIRECTORATE OF THE APPROPRIATE CUSTOMS REGIONAL OFFICE TO QUALIFIED IMPORTERS AND BROKERS. AS A RULE NO DEPOSIT OF DUTY AND TAXES ARE REQUIRED. HOWEVER, COMPLETE

CUSTOMS DECLARATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN PRESCRIBED TIME LIMIT. UPON EXAMINATION BY THE CONTROLLING CUSTOMS OFFICE OF SUBMITTED CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS THE PARTICULARS CONTAINED IN THE DECLARATIONS ARE TRANSMITTED TO THE DATA CENTER FOR PROCESSING. IMPORTERS/BROKERS RECEIVE COMPUTERIZED BILLS BI-MONTHLY FROM THE DATA DENTER COVERING ALL DUTY AND TAXES DUE FOR IMPORTATIONS DURING SUCH PERIOD. THESE BILLS MUST BE PAID WITHIN 25 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF BILL. THIS SYSTEM ALLOWS A CREDIT PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 65 DAYS RECKONED FROM DATE OF RELEASE OF GOODS.

D) TOTAL VOLUME OF GOODS IMPORTED INTO SWEDEN DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1975 IN METRIC TONS 52,858,000. TOTAL VALUE OF GOODS IMPORTED INTO SWEDEN DURING SAME PERIOD SWEDISH KRONER 74,865,378,000. THESE FIGURES EXCLUDE SHIPS AND BOATS CLASSIFIED UNDER SITC GROUP 735. TOTAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES DURING SAME PERIOD 2,444,967.

E) THE CURRENT SWEDISH SYSTEM FOR CARGO PROCESSING IS COMPARATIVELY NEW (1974). IT APPEARS THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TECHNIQUES, PROCEDURES OR EQUIPMENT IS NOT ANTICIPATED FOR THE NEAR FUTURE.
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